



Local Plan Part 2 Additional Sites

Comments from organisations submitted via electronic survey

Rushden Lakes West

Organisation	Comment
Sport England	No comments on the allocation
Oundle Town Council	The Council supports the additional site providing the local council affected is also in support of the site. Oundle Town council would like to know what is going to happen once the Unitary Council takes over. In the Prospectus for Change document on page 10 there is an article on Housing Allocation. It states that a new housing allocation policy will replace the current ones.
Huntingdonshire District Council	Having reviewed the consultation documents and considering the scale and location of the proposed allocation, Huntingdonshire District Council do not consider that this site raises any strategic implications in the Duty to Cooperate.

Land west of Moulton College, Chelveston Road, Higham Ferrers

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Sport England	No Objection in principle but the proposal involves the loss of playing field used by Higham Town FC. The policy should include the replacement of the area of the same quality and quantity as that would be lost to community use contrary to NPPF para 7 and Sport England policy

Oundle Town Council	The town Council supports the application provided it is supported by the local councils affected
Higham Ferrers Town Council	The Council support the allocation of this site for a Special Needs Secondary School. There is a need for this type of facility as there is a shortage of spaces in Northamptonshire. This is a good site as it has good transport links and is next to Moulton College
Huntingdonshire District Council	Having reviewed the consultation documents and considering the scale and location of the proposed allocation, Huntingdonshire District Council do not consider that this site raises any strategic implications in the Duty to Cooperate.
AFC Rushden and Diamonds	<p>AFC Rushden and Diamonds (AFCD), a registered Community Benefits Society, providing football for all ages from 4 years old is an inclusive football club, promoting participation in the sport for all regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin or sexuality. Football is currently played at Hayden Road and across East Northamptonshire in numerous communities. For the last 4 years AFCD have been engaged in numerous strategic discussions with ENC as planning authority, landowner, and other stakeholders over the ability to enhance community sporting facilities to serve the localities of Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Stanwick, Raunds and surrounding villages.</p> <p>The proposed site allocation for a specialist school could serve as catalyst for realising the strategic development of land off Chelveston Road to create an integrated leading education, sporting and leisure hub within easy reach of the local communities. We would suggest the school site should lead the way in developing sustainable access from Higham Ferrers across the A6 for pedestrians and cyclists ahead of delivery of the proposed Rushden East SUE. To provide maximum safety this would probably be via the delivery of a separate cycleway/ footpath bridge over the A6 like the one over the A45 at Rushden Lakes. In order to further provide safe access to the site provision of public transport should be secured for the existing college and proposed school; this should include providing a combined access road and bus turning point/ stand, using the existing Chelveston Road access. Finally, a combined car parking facility would be beneficial for the site as a whole. The allocation of land gives rise to the re-evaluation of access routes to various proposed sporting developments off Chelveston Road and Newton Road providing benefits to all parties and minimising access points onto busy roads, especially as the SUE develops.</p>
Northamptonshire	The county council's Education service is fully supportive of

County Council – Development, Infrastructure & Funding	the proposed allocation of the Land to the west of Moulton College, Higham Ferrers, to support delivery of a specialist school for pupils with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and has no specific comments to make on the proposed Policy wording.
Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council	The Parish Council has considered the consultation and supports the proposals for a SEN school at land west of Moulton College, Chelveston Road, Higham Ferrers. On the basis that the A6 bypass presents at barrier to children walking/cycling to school, esp. for the intended students, it is likely that most will arrive by car or bus, and its layout should incorporate a suitable car drop-off and bus/coach stop.